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| <b>To:</b>      | Dental Providers<br>Managed Care Plans                                   | <b>Memorandum No.: 04-28 MAA</b><br><b>Issued:</b> December 22, 2004 |
| <b>From:</b>    | Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary<br>Medical Assistance Administration | <b>For Information Call:</b><br>1-800-562-6188                       |
| <b>Subject:</b> | <b>Orthodontic Services Program Updates</b>                              |  |

**Effective January 8, 2005**, MAA is updating and clarifying existing policy in chapter 388-535A WAC, Orthodontic services. MAA is removing the Orthodontics for Children portion of the current *Dental Program (Adults/Children) Billing Instructions* and publishing a new stand-alone *Orthodontic Services Billing Instructions*, dated January 2005.

### **What has changed?**

MAA has updated and clarified existing policy for the Orthodontics program and is removing the Orthodontics for Children section of the *Dental Program (Adults/Children) Billing Instructions*. At the same time, MAA is publishing a new *Orthodontic Services Billing Instructions* dated January 2005.

The updates to the document are minor and consist of rewording and rearranging information to improve the flow of the document so it is easier to read and follow.

One notable change is a rearrangement of the Fee Schedule (Section G). The codes for the **subsequent three-month follow-up treatment** now directly follow the codes for the **initial placement**. The fees have **not** changed since the last publication of the document.

### **Billing Instructions Replacement Pages**

Please remove pages i – 34 (the **Orthodontics for Children** section) from MAA's *Dental Program (Adults/Children) Billing Instructions*, dated October 2003.

**How can I get MAA's provider issuances (including MAA's new *Orthodontic Services Billing Instructions*)?**

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